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TILLMAN CONFESSES IN REPLY HE MAKES

Admits the Accusation That He Tried to Get Hold of Large Acreage of Land.

BUT DOES NO WRONG

Abuses President for Exposing Him and Charges Malice and Revenge.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Long before the public doors of the capitol opened today, the corridors leading to the Senate chamber were thronged with people of both sexes, anxious to hear Senator Tillman reply to the President's charges against him in connection with the Oregon land grant. The limited seating capacity was insufficient to accommodate all. The Senate floor was also well occupied.

Much interest was manifested in Tillman's reply, as it was generally understood he would attempt to justify his course and the disposition of the audience was to await his explanation before passing final judgment.

Declaring the President had been actuated by the motive of malice and revenge in attacking his course in connection with the Coos Bay Oregon land grant Senator Ben Tillman today made reply to the accusations of the chief executive.

The speech was read from a manuscript and contained a characteristic mixture of argument and invective. There was no demonstration during the delivery of the speech or at its close.

Senator Tillman said in part:

"In my public work here, I have not hesitated to criticize and comment on the official actions and utterances of President Roosevelt and I have doubtless given him good cause to seek revenge. I have, at various times, arraigned him in the Senate for tyrannical invasion of the rights of Congress, for usurpation of authority not given him by the Constitution, for disobedience of the law and the neglect of duty. I was not aware that these darts of mine had quivered in the executive hide and stung him so, but the eagerness and intensity with which he has presented his case against me, indicate that Theodore Roosevelt enjoys to the limit the feeling of getting even with Ben Tillman and lays on the 'Big Stick' with the keenest relish, doubtless believing that the 'Pitchfork' has gone out of business."

"An examination of the President's letter to Mr. Hale," said Mr. Tillman, "will show that the President's charges boiled down amount to two in number."

"First, he promotes me to membership in the Ananias Club, and charges in effect that I have deliberately lied to the Senate."

"Second, he charges that I have exerted my official influence and work as a Senator for my personal benefit alone to secure the passage of a resolution and to press the Department of Justice to bring suit against the corporation which holds so much of the public domain in the West, and will not sell it to settlers under the terms of their grants from the government."

Quoting from the President's message to the House on January 4 in which he said he had no charges of corruption against Congress nor against any member of the present House, Mr. Tillman said:

"It follows that he found no grounds for indicting me in the courts, which no doubt would have rejoiced him over much and all this fuss, fury and fustian about the seriousness of the case and the gravity of the offense with which he charges me can be attributed to personal malice alone."

Referring to the President's letter to Senator Hale, Mr. Tillman declared that the President recognized the extraordinary character of his action "as well as the unlawful use he has made of the Secret Service." Mr. Tillman said he did not deny the authenticity of the letter or the telegram of which photographs were made and he presumed the letter from William E. Lee was also a correct copy, but he was not aware of its existence until it was brought to his attention by the President's statement.

"It will be noted that I accused Dorr in the Senate of being a swindler, and asked the Postoffice Department to issue a fraud order."

JUDSON HARMON NOW GOVERNOR

Brilliant Features of the Inauguration of Ohio's New Chief Executive.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 11.—Judson Harmon was inaugurated governor of Ohio at noon today in the capitol rotunda, succeeding Governor Andrew L. Harris. Judge Crew, of the State Supreme Court, administered the oath of office to Harmon. President Perry, of the Columbus board of trade, opened the exercises. Dr. Emory Hunt, president of Dennison College, made the invocation. After songs by the Columbus Glee Club, Governor Harmon delivered his inaugural address. This was followed by luncheon for the Governor's party in the executive offices. A large parade was a feature of the exercises. This evening the retiring and incoming governors will receive officials and the public in the senate chamber, and later there will be a ball at Memorial hall, at which the four thousand invited guests will be present. A smoker for the members of the press at the Southern hotel will be one of the evening features.

Forty thousand Democrats from all over Ohio took part in the inauguration and about ten thousand uniformed men, including the Ohio National Guard and regulars from barracks here took part in the parade.

The parade was reviewed by the governor and family and three thousand invited citizens from all over the state. Immediately after Harmon was inaugurated Francis W. Trevelyan, Republican, was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor.

COUNTY COURT

Reconvenes With All Members Present and Resumes Business.

All the members of the county court attended its sessions Monday and the business of the county was resumed.

An exoneration was allowed B. L. Fowler on a valuation of \$15.75 as to road taxes.

Warden Stewart qualified as constable for Clay district.

Reuben A. Douglas qualified as administrator of Andrew Douglas, with bond at \$600.

Charles L. Watkins qualified as administrator of Pleasant M. Strickler, giving bond of \$800.

Homier Hawker qualified as a notary public.

LOSES ARM

Brakeman Russell McKinney Victim of Freight Train Accident.

Russel McKinney, aged 29, a brakeman on the West Virginia & Pittsburgh division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, had his right arm amputated at St. Mary's hospital Sunday. The arm was crushed between cars of a freight train near Cowan as he was making a coupling. He was brought to Clarksburg on a special train. McKinney's home is near Camden-on-Gauley.

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Preacher Wanted for Murder in Michigan Kills Self With a Knife.

CARTHAGE, Ill., Jan. 11.—The Rev. John H. Carmichael, who was wanted on the charge of murdering Gideon Browning at Adair, Mich., attempted to commit suicide at the home of his sister, Mrs. Miranda Hughes, here today. He left a letter directed to the sheriff at Port Huron, Mich., near which the murder was perpetrated, admitting his identity and declared that he killed Browning and cut up the body while under the hypnotic influence of his wife, and requested the sheriff to come for his body. Carmichael cut his throat from ear to ear. The wound is thought to be fatal.

Hears News Calmly.

ADAIR, Mich., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Carmichael took the news calmly when

LUNACY SUSPECTED

Woman Arrested in Pritchard Block Will Be Examined By Court.

Mrs. Sallie Johnson, wife of Howard Johnson, is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting an examination as to her sanity. She was taken into custody by Chief of Police Stealey at her home on the Third floor of Pritchard block on West Pike street who was called there by neighbors. Mrs. Johnson had been unusually boisterous and acting queerly and the neighbors suspected she had lost her mind. The police chief also entertained the same suspicion and swore out a lunacy warrant before Magistrate Gordon, who will hear the woman in a day or so.

Mrs. Johnson declares she is not crazy. She says her boisterousness was the result of a spree.

BURNS SCALE

Is to Be Used at the West Fork Glass Company's Window Glass Plant.

The management of the West Fork Glass Company announces that operations will resume at its plant in the industrial addition the coming Friday midnight. It has posted the following notice:

"We will start to blowing glass Friday midnight, January 15, 1909, under the so-called Burns scale."

The company announces that the above does not mean that the company intends to sign the Burns scale, but to work upon that basis.

ALL BODIES RECOVERED

DUQUOIN, Ill., Jan. 11.—With the recovery of additional bodies during the night, it is thought all the victims of the Sunday explosion at the Letter Coal mine at Ziegler are accounted for. Four victims were negroes, four were Americans and thirteen were foreigners.

AT PLEASANT HILL

The Funeral and Burial of Mrs. Okey A. Lynch is Held.

The body of Mrs. Lucy Lynch, wife of Okey A. Lynch, of Monticello addition, was taken to Pleasant Hill, Ritchie county, which is eleven miles back of Cairo, on the early morning train Monday and the funeral and burial took place there in the afternoon.

WILL FEET WITH MRS DAVIS

9 o'clock of tuberculosis, after a prolonged illness at the age of 25 years. Besides her husband, she leaves one son, William, three years old, and a brother, Carl Davis, of Baltimore street. Her maiden name was Lucy Ellen Davis and she was born and reared in Ritchie county.

CORPORAL TRANSFERRED

Corporal Harvey Henry of the chief recruiting office at Parkersburg, has been transferred to the local station to assist Sergeant George W. Hawthorne in the enlistment of men for the United States army.

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He Dies.

CARTHAGE, Ill., Jan. 11.—The Rev. Mr. Carmichael died at noon. He arrived here Friday night and expected to leave this morning for Bowen, Iowa.

ANOTHER RECRUIT

Raymond L. Jeffries, of Grantsville, has been accepted at the local recruiting station and he will be sent to Columbus, O., to be assigned to the infantry of the United States army.

ALIENS ENTERING COUNTRY ARE FEWER BY HALF A MILLION

They Make a Net Increase in the Population of 209,867.

MOST FROM RUSSIA

Government is Urged to Prevent Congestion of Aliens in Cities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—As shown by the annual report of the Commissioner General of Immigration for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, just issued, the work of the bureau was in many respects the most comprehensive and interesting ever performed by it. Despite an increase of 39 per cent in immigration, the report shows that the work of the Bureau increased nearly 20 per cent during the fiscal year.

The report of F. H. Larned, Deputy Commissioner of Immigration, under whose direction the report was prepared owing to the death of Commissioner General Frank P. Sargeant, the year was remarkable for a reduction of the number of aliens entering the United States. The total immigration for the year was 782,870, 502,479 less than for the year 1907. During the fiscal year of 1907, 13,964 aliens were rejected; during the last year 10,902 were rejected.

By reason of an amendment to the law, the report for the first time furnishes figures which show approximately the net increase in population by immigration. The figures indicate that the net increase was 209,867. Of the aliens admitted, 620,671 were between the ages of fourteen and forty-four years. Of those admitted, 172,293 could neither read nor write, and 2,319 could read but not write. Therefore, about 25 per cent were illiterate, a decrease of four per cent, in comparison with 1907. The total amount of money brought into the country by arriving immigrants was \$17,794,226, an average of almost \$23 a person. During the year there were turned back at the ports 10,902 aliens—about 1 3-10 per cent of the total number applying for admission.

It was pointed out that the past year was abnormal concerning immigration; the same reasons which reduced the latter having operated with perhaps greater force to increase the former.

The bulk of the aliens came from southern or eastern Europe—Italy, Austria, Hungary, Greece, Turkey and the small principalities surrounding them. Russia furnished 64 per cent of the total. The report says that the change in the law extending the fining provisions to cover the bringing of mentally, as well as physically diseased aliens to the United States, and placing tuberculosis under the same ban, is of great benefit. During the year 2,906 aliens were rejected on account of physical, 307 on account of mental, and 311 on account of moral defects; to which should be added 870 rejected for minor physical or mental defects sufficiently grave to effect ability to earn a living. Number of criminals apprehended and deported increased from 11 in 1907 to 41 in 1908. Two alien anarchists were refused admission. There was great activity in the suppression of alien women for immoral purposes. Of these women 124 were rejected; 43 procurers were denied admission; while 41 alien immoral women and two procurers were deported from the country; fourteen procurers were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment and fines. A systematic campaign was inaugurated during the year against the importation of immoral women and the results have been gratifying. While investigations into the "white slave" traffic are difficult, the success attendant upon them has been satisfactory.

The report shows that the enforcement of the law relating to alien contract labor was unprecedentedly successful. In the year, 1,932 contract laborers were rejected and 240 were arrested and expelled from the country.

The report expresses gratification with what has been accomplished in enforcing the President's proclamation directing the exclusion of Japanese and Korean laborers, who, after securing from their own governments passports to Hawaii, Canada or Mexico, used such passports, contrary to the wishes of their own governments to obtain entry to the mainland of the United States. In the course of the year 1907, 31,798 Japanese aliens applied for admission to the United States. In the year 1908, 18,941 Japanese aliens applied for admission. Of those applying for admission in the last year, 18,224 were admitted.

The total increase in population by Japanese immigration was 3,826. The report indicates the inadequacy of the present immigration laws.

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THOUSANDS OF FLOWERS

In Stage Setting for First Act of "The Geisha" at the Grand Tonight.

A genuine treat is in store for those who expect to attend the local talent Japanese opera "The Geisha," at the Grand opera house tonight, both in the beautiful stage setting that will greet the audience when the curtain rises and in the charming music, attractive costumes, graceful dancing and clever acting that will ensue. There are several thousand flowers in the make up of the stage setting of the first act and it is said to be one of the most elaborate and beautiful ever seen at the Grand. Those who will take part in the opera have been working hard to make the event a big success and all are enthusiastic in the assertion that it will be.

TRIALS BEGIN

Criminal Docket at the Present Circuit Court Term is Taken Up.

The criminal docket was taken up in circuit court Monday morning and the trials of cases were begun. M. F. Hurst, charged with carrying a revolver, was the first person put on trial. Attorneys Gore and Batten defended him.

The next case was that against Jesse Scott and Joseph Johnson, charged with an assault on Dallas Griffin in a street car at Haywood.

Hood Thorne, charged with an assault, pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for Wednesday. Riley Ables will also be tried Wednesday.

The trials of F. Carl Laughlin and Hazel Gains are set for next Saturday.

The jury found Scott and Johnson guilty and then Gilbert L. Hurst was placed on trial for profanity.

FUNERAL TUESDAY

Of Mrs. George W. Gross, Who Died at Her Home on Post Farm.

The funeral of Mrs. George W. Gross, of Grassell, who died at her home Sunday morning at 12:30 o'clock, of peritonitis, will take place at Mount Zion church at Grassell Tuesday morning. The burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Gross was 35 years old. Besides her husband she is survived by seven children and four step children. The children, who range in age from two to 15 years, are Carrie, Ethel T., Lillian E., Florence M., Inez V., and Willis C. The step children are Emory W., of Pittsburgh; Florence M., of Wilsonburg; Charles H., a painter, of Grafton; and Herbert, the youngest, who resides at home.

Mrs. Gross resided on the Ira C. Post farm southeast of the city of which her husband is caretaker and manager.

Miss Ann Kennedy, of Orlando, who has been the pleasant guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Donahue, of West Main street, will return home tomorrow.

TRAMPS MAY HAVE SET FIRE TO MILL

Richards Construction Company's Plant in Industrial Destroyed by Fire.

The origin of the fire that destroyed the planing mill and workshop of the Richards Construction Company in East Clarksburg early Sunday morning is believed to have been the carelessness of tramps who sought refuge in a driveway under the building and built a fire to warm themselves or threw a stove stump into shavings. The building and its contents were destroyed at a loss, estimated by L. K. Richards, general manager, at \$5,000. There was no insurance.

When the fire was discovered the building was enveloped in flames and the upper part of the walls were falling in. Light of the blaze shining through windows of residents in the addition not far away awoke the sleepers who gave an alarm as quickly as they could. Those from the Tappan plant and the Radford plant

HOOSIERS HAVE NEW GOVERNOR

Marshall is Inducted Into Office With Simplicity As is His Request.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 11.—Thomas R. Marshall was inaugurated governor of Indiana at noon, the ceremonies being held in the south corridor of the capitol. The new governor is the first Democrat elected since 1892.

Mr. Marshall's wish that simplicity mark the ceremonies, was carried out. Members of the administration and their wives and twenty-four guests, the incoming and outgoing governors and their wives, were the only invited guests. They occupied seats on the speakers' stand.

The inauguration ceremonies began at 10 o'clock with a joint session of the senate and house of representatives. The legislature canvassed the vote, a procedure necessary before the new officers can be installed, and after the canvass the members of the upper house returned to the senate chamber where the oath of office was administered to Lieutenant Governor Frank Hall by Justice Robey of the appellate court.

Headed by the governor, the governor-elect, the lieutenant governor and his successor and Justice Robey, the procession then started for the main floor of the state house for the inauguration of Governor Marshall. Members of the house of representatives fell in behind the senators and, marching two abreast, the legislators proceeded down the south stairway to the speakers' stand.

The invocation was given by the Rev. George L. Macintosh, president of Wabash College. Justice Robey then administered the oath of office to Governor Marshall. Retiring Governor Hanly then introduced Governor Marshall. The new governor's inaugural address was brief. "No mention was made by the governor of a county local option law."

Immediately after delivering the address Governor Marshall read his message to the legislature. Governor and Mrs. Marshall then went to the executive offices where they held a public reception.

The inaugural ball at the Propylaeum tonight will conclude the ceremonies.

COUPLE IN JAIL

Man and Woman of Ocean Mines Held for the Grand Jury

Sanford Henderson and Della Rodabaugh, the Ocean Mines couple charged with living together unlawfully as husband and wife, are in jail. They were sent there late Saturday afternoon by Justice Gordon at the conclusion of hearings on the charge, to await the action of the grand jury. Their bonds were fixed at \$200 each, but they could not furnish them.

Lloyd Canning is a business visitor here from Valley Falls.

W. N. Ruble, of Wheeling, is a city visitor.

James Hickman is here from Pennboro.

W. H. Johnson, of Fairmont, is a city visitor.

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ery engines were played on the fire, but proved useless as the flames had too much headway. All the machinery in the plant was ruined. Besides the material in course of manufacture there was a stock of lumber in store rooms which was destroyed. Alarm was sent to the city fire department and the firemen suspecting that the fire might be within the city limits made a run with the hose wagon out to the end of East Main street but did not proceed farther. Manager Richards announces that the plant will be rebuilt right away. The plant of the old Clarksburg Plaster Company was purchased by the company the first of the year, and this is being fitted up for the company's temporary use.

It was just the same night that the company held its annual business meeting at which a report of good business was received and a semi-annual dividend of three per cent declared. The meeting was held at the Waldo hotel and was concluded with a dinner in the private dining room there.

HOUSTON YOUNG FOR CHIEF TO TOWNSEND

Young Harrison County Lawyer is An Applicant For the Place.

IS FINELY QUALIFIED

Capitol City is Filling Up With State Soldiers and Politicians.

(By Charles Brooks Smith)

CHARLESTON, Jan. 11.—When the solons gather in the senate and house chambers on Wednesday morning, they will meet with a surprise, and a very pleasant one, for improvements have been made on the second floor of the capitol, in the corridors, in the two legislative halls, and in the adjoining offices which were certainly very badly needed and which are conspicuously noticeable. Wood floors have been ripped up, wood wainscoting torn off and tile and marble substituted. The dingy walls have been painted in bright attractive tints, new toilet and cloak rooms, installed, fine chandeliers strung, and fine carpet laid on the senate and house floors. Everything is in appearance bright, new and clean looking, and the improvements in their entirety make the second floor of the capitol look like a fit place for the representatives of a great state to carry on its important legislative business. Up till now it certainly has been anything else but fit.

Tax Commissioner Townsend is going to appoint a chief clerk soon. It will be the first big and important appointment to be made since New Year's day, when Mr. Townsend, himself, was the recipient of an appointment to his present position, stepping up to the head of the State's most important department from the position of chief clerk. He will have no scarcity of good men to choose from, and it may be set down as a certainty that he will make no mistake. The job is an important one, and calls for ability, industry and a knowledge of the law. Among the applicants is Houston G. Young, chief clerk in the Secretary of State's office. Mr. Young meets the stipulations in all respects, and should he land the plum, it could not be better bestowed, not more richly deserved. While the position carries the title of chief clerk, it really ought to have the title of assistant tax commissioner, for this is precisely what it is. However, the field agent of the department, who is now auditor-elect J. S. Duffet, is given that title. By the way, there are a number of candidates for this job and the name of Samuel B. Montgomery, contrary to expectations, doesn't appear among them. However, that of the Hon. Mike King, of Randolph county, shines brilliantly forth. Michael has already on file a number of excellent endorsements, among them one of the Randolph County Bar Association. But Mr. Duffet will not relinquish his present job for his new one until March 1, and his successor will not be named until after that date.

Senator Howard Sutherland was the first of the candidates for presiding officer in either house to arrive. He came in as early as Thursday last, and immediately got busy with two things, the first of which was his candidacy for president of the senate and the second was the bills of the State Highway commission, of which he is a member. Sutherland's chances have brightened considerably during the last few days, and he is regarded in several quarters as likely to be the man who can again defeat the Furman ambition. If any one can do it, it is a fact that Sutherland has some mighty strong backers in the administration, who, if they elect to get busy in his behalf, may cause the shoe to be revised and new odds posted in the betting shed.

All the candidates are now on the ground and are hustling from these ambitious parties striving for a glow down to Uncle Remus, the pugged-legged son of Bama, who would like to be care taker of cattle, politer of boots and welder of the kitchen whisk broom. The hotel lobbies are crowded, the capitol corridors and legislative halls are thronged, and the main streets of the Capital City bustle. It is the same looking kind of a crowd that is always here at the opening of a legislature, with the exception it is larger and more prosperous looking. It is the same gay and bustling throng, always and invariably interested in gossip of politics and politicians; planning, scheming for themselves and friends; making and unmaking kings and causing thrones to totter and tumble; a good natured, disorganized, seemingly purposeless, but actually very busy crowd.

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